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MONITORING OF INDIVIDUALS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-12 are pending. The Office Action mailed January 4, 2001 rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2 and 4-12 as being anticipated by Braun et al. The Office Action states that Braun et al. teach a server connected to a remote device generating a script program, and a remotely programmable apparatus networked to the server via a network. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that Braun et al. teaches a central control station connected to remote collection sites over a wide area network (FIGURE 2B). Braun et al. fails to teach or suggest (1) a remote computer workstation, (2) a server connected to the remote computer workstation via a first communication network, and (3) a remotely programmable apparatus networked to the

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